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Family Tree

by Fredrick Zydek

This tree's roots spread out
in all directions. They are spun
from the same sacred stuff
that keeps its branches
preoccupied with blooming.

Each leaf knows the songs
that were spun when the first
root sprouted from its seed
and began its long journey
into rock and into air.

Now this tree spreads out
in so many directions,
some of its branches bear
fruits not everyone can name.
It is high place and ancient roost,

tree of life, tree of good and evil,
forest maker, sun breaker,
anchor and road map that leads
back to our small beginnings
and into what waits to bloom here.

